

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TAYLOR KNABE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 14, 2011

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Taylor Knabe for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Taylor Knabe is a 8th grader at Oberon Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Taylor Knabe is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Taylor Knabe for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

A TRIBUTE TO ELSIE FURR

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

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Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Elsie Furr.

Ms. Furr became an integral part of a team that provides state-of-the-art comprehensive cancer care to New York residents when she Joined Queens Hospital Center, as Senior Associate Director, in July 2004. Today, as Administrator of the Queens Cancer Center, she maintains product line responsibility for the Center's management, budget and accounts receivable. Ms. Furr also collaborates on marketing strategies to promote the Queens Cancer Center and its key initiatives.

Queens Cancer Center received a three-year accreditation under Ms. Furr's administrative leadership. This accreditation included designation as a Cancer Center by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer. The Queens Cancer Center also played a pivotal role in Queens Hospital Center's major accomplishment: receiving the American Hospital Association-McKesson Quest for Quality Citation of Merit in the spring of 2010.

Prior to joining Queens Hospital Center, Ms. Furr served in various finance management capacities at Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, New York. In her last position, she was responsible for a revenue target of nearly \$50 million in outpatient revenue collections. She successfully met that challenge, as she had always done in prior years. Ms. Furr acquired a wealth of knowledge through these

commitments, a knowledge that serves as the foundation for her effective decision making.

Ms. Furr exudes enthusiasm and vitality when she speaks of her devoted husband, Carlos Furr, and their two lovely children. Her oldest child, Cherette Furr, earned a Master's in Businesses Administration, in 2010, from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Her other son, Brian Furr, is an aspiring musician/spoken word artist; he is currently a junior at Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland.

Ms. Furr has a Bachelor of Arts degree from York College-City University of New York and a Master of Science degree from Long Island University. She has a passion for collaborating with members of the community and other cancer care organizations to promote the Queens Cancer Center and the wellbeing of others.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Ms. Elsie Furr.

HONORING FAYAZ SHAWL

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Fayaz Shawl, who has been widely recognized as one of the world's foremost interventional cardiologists. He currently serves as Director of Interventional Cardiology at Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland, and as Professor and Director of Interventional Cardiovascular Medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, DC.

Dr. Shawl, who immigrated to the United States from Kashmir, has performed more than 18,000 cardiac interventional procedures and has written more than 150 important articles, abstracts, editorials, and books. He is also the founder of the "Dr. Fayaz Shawl Philanthropic Foundation," which he founded to treat impoverished patients.

Dr. Shawl's life has been dedicated to restoring to good health those who suffer from cardiovascular disease; he has saved countless lives and improved the quality of life for many more. He has our sincere gratitude for all that he has done to preserve his patients' health and longevity.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

HON. RUSS CARNAHAN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day.

Over 15 years has passed since Hillary Clinton famously declared in Beijing that wom-

en's rights are human rights. Since then, we have seen considerable gains in momentum surrounding the importance of women's empowerment, not only as a matter of equality—but importantly—as good development and national security policy. Nevertheless, despite the growing call for women's rights and elevation of their roles in decision-making processes, there is still much more progress to be made.

Today, women and girls are disproportionately impacted by extreme poverty, making up 70% of the world's 1 billion people who live off less than \$1 per day. While women account for over half of the population, they occupy slightly less than 19% of seats in national parliaments on average worldwide. They are vastly more vulnerable in the face of crisis; four of every five people displaced by war or natural disaster are women and children. Women continue to face broad challenges such as access to health care, education and economic opportunities, lack of legal rights and judicial process, and targets of trafficking and sexual and gender-based violence.

While the world's women face daunting obstacles, they are also the most promising and untapped agents of change. What has become increasingly clear is everyone benefits when women and girls have access to equal educational, political, and economic opportunities. When women are free to earn a living—as farmers, entrepreneurs, business owners, etc.—they make their families and communities stronger and more secure. When women and girls have access to educational opportunities, their empowerment allows families and entire communities to flourish and prosper. And evidence shows that when women are empowered to engage in the political process, governments are more effective and responsive to their people.

The world simply cannot achieve lasting peace and prosperity if half of the population is not empowered. For real advancement in women's rights, we must take a comprehensive approach that combats all barriers—physical, economic, socio-cultural, psychological and otherwise—to women's equality.

On this 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day, let us celebrate the strides we have made in advancing women's rights, and therefore, human rights and human progress. Let us also reaffirm our commitment to continue these gains until women and men, girls and boys, have equal opportunities to realize their hopes and dreams on every corner of the globe.

I have also included a statement on behalf of Peace X Peace, a nonprofit organization dedicated to lifting women's voices, strengthening women's capacity to connect across divides, promoting leadership and gender equity, and nurturing the global network of peacebuilders.

On this 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, Peace X Peace (www.peacexpeace.org) stands proudly for peace and justice in solidarity with women around the world, especially those who are

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